

### LISTING OF CLAIMS

B1 ✓ 1. (Currently Amended) A multi-operator ticketing system comprising first means specific to a first operator for acquiring [the content of] information from a ticket issued by said first operator and for authorising a service according to the information acquired, and consulate means for receiving information from a ticket issued by another operator and for transmitting to the first means authorisation to render said service according to the information obtained and processed in a manner specific to the consulate means.

✓ 2. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim 1, wherein the service authorisation is dependent on [the] prior performance of a transaction.

✓ 3. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim 1 wherein [the methods of] processing information by the first means and the consulate means are concealed with respect to each other.

✓ 4. (Previously Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein the consulate means is physically included in the first means.

✓ 5. (Previously Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein the consulate means is physically external to the first means.

/6. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1 further including a central unit and a set of remote stations to acquire the [content of] information from the tickets and to perform [the] transactions, which remote stations are connected to the central unit by first transmission circuits.

↓ 7. (Currently Amended) A system according to [Claim] claim 6, wherein each remote station comprises a consulate.

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↓ 8. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 6 wherein the central unit comprises second transmission circuits for transmitting to [the central unit of] the other operator the data corresponding to [the] transactions effected on behalf of said other operator.

✓ 9. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 6 wherein the central unit comprises third transmission circuits for transmitting from [the central unit of] the other operator to the consulate means [the] information concerning [the] methods of processing, by the consulate means, of the information carried by the ticket.

✓ 10. (Previously Amended) A system according to claim 6 wherein said services pertain to a common transportation system and the remote stations are validators for access to transportation vehicles, the information carried by the tickets being read by the validators.

✓ 11. (Previously Amended) A system according to Claim 10, wherein the tickets are information carriers such as tickets with a magnetic strip, plastic or cardboard, or contact or contactless smart cards.

12. (Previously Amended) A system according to claim 6 wherein the services pertain to a mobile telephony system and the remote stations are base stations in mobile telephony networks, the information carried by the tickets being read by mobile telephones and transmitted to the base stations.

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13. (Previously Amended) A system according to Claim 12, wherein the tickets are in portable telephone form with associated mobile telephony smart card.

14. (Previously Amended) A system according to claim 6 wherein the services pertain to a banking system and the remote stations are dispensing terminals, the information carried by the tickets being read by the dispensing terminals.

15. (Previously Amended) A system according to Claim 14, wherein the tickets are in the form of credit cards, with a chip or magnetic tape.

16. (Previously Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the services pertain to systems with different purposes.

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